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SUBJECT: 45TH TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (TC) SESSION:
MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS: JAPAN

REF: A. USUN 2027, B. TOKYO 08983

1. DURING MAY 19 TC SESSION, BYATT (UK) ASKED ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF US WAR CLAIMS PAYMENTS TO THE MICRONESIANS AND THE MATCHING CONTRIBUTION FROM JAPAN ENVISIONED IN RECENT US LEGISLATION (PUBLIC LAW 95-134). TTPI HIGH COMMISSIONER WINKEL REVIEWED THE RECORD OF PAYMENTS UNDER BOTH TITLE I AND II OF MICRONESIAN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT AND NOTED THAT THE US DEL WOULD ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF REMAINING CLAIMS UNDER TITLE I IN OUR CLOSING STATEMENT (ON EITHER THURSDAY, MAY 25 OR FRIDAY, MAY 26).

2. IN REPLY TO BROCHENIN'S (FRANCE) FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY ABOUT
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US CONTACTS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE GOJ AND HIS SUGGESTION THAT THE TC MIGHT USEFULLY TAKE SOME INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT USG EFFORTS, KRIENDLER (US) SAID WE WOULD ADDRESS THIS QUESTION IN OUR CLOSING STATEMENT AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY IT SEEMED PREMATURE TO CONSIDER THE SUGGESTION AT THIS TIME. BYATT SUPPORTED BOTH THE FRENCH SUGGESTION AND KRIENDLER'S STATEMENT THAT FURTHER CON-

SIDERATION OF IT AT THIS TIME WOULD BE PREMATURE.
JAPANESE MISOFF MIYAMOTO WAS PRESENT IN THE GALLERY
DURING THIS EXCHANGE.

3. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, KRIENDLER AND DEL OFF STEWART
DISCUSSED THE WAR CLAIMS ISSUE WITH BYATT AND BROCHENIN,
EMPHASIZING ITS SENSITIVITY AND THE SERIOUS VIEW OF IT
TAKEN BY THE GOJ. WE INFORMED THEM OF THE RECENT VISIT
OF THE MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS DELEGATION TO TOKYO (REFTELS).
BOTH BYATT AND BROCHENIN NOTED THAT THE ISSUE IS VERY
IMPORTANT FOR THE MICRONESIANS, MANY OF WHOM HAD DEVOTED
SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF THEIR STATEMENTS TO IT, AND THAT
IT IS AN APPROPRIATE SUBJECT OF TC CONSIDERATION. BYATT
SUGGESTED THAT THE TC MIGHT AUTHORIZE THE TC PRESIDENT
TO INITIATE CONTACTS WITH BOTH THE ADMINISTERING
AUTHORITY AND THE JAPANESE PERMREP IN ORDER TO FACILITATE
A SOLUTION. WE SAID WE WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM
WASHINGTON AND BYATT AND BROCHENIN AGREED TO DISCUSS THE
QUESTION FURTHER WITH US EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. IN ADDITION TO THE RESPONSE ALREADY
REQUESTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT (REF A), USUN FURTHER
REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON WHAT STANCE US DEL
SHOULD ADOPT IN PROBABLE FURTHER DEBATE ON THE FRENCH
SUGGESTION FOR TC ACTION AND IN THE DRAFTING GROUP ON THE
TC REPORT IN WHICH WE INFORMALLY BUT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.
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